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SUBJECT: CAMPORA PREDICATED LATIN AMERICAN UNITY ON ANTI- IMPERIALISM

1. SUMMARY. PRESIDENT ELECT CAMPORA TOLD ASSEMBLED LATIN AMERICAN AMBASSADORS THIS WEEK THAT ONLY THROUGH REGIONAL SOLIDARITY COULD BONDS OF FOREIGN DEPENDANCE BE LOOSED. THE AMBASSADOR FROM PERU WAS SPOKESMAN FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE SAME MEETING.

2. LATIN AMERICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION HONORED PRESIDENT ELECT CAMPORA AND VICE PRESIDENT ELECT SOLANO LIMA, AT A LUNCHEON IN THE PLAZA HOTEL MAY 17. ALSO PRESENT WERE FREJULI MEMBERS JULIO AMOEDO AND BENITO LLAMBI, SOMETIMES MENTIONED AS FOREIGN MINISTER POSSIBILITIES.

3. SPEAKING AS DEAN OF THE LATIN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN BUENOS AIRES, PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR GONZALO FERNANDEZ PUYO EMPHASIZED THAT THE NATIONS OF " OUR PART OF THE HEMISPHERE" MUST SEEK COMMON POSITIONS WHILE FINDING " OUR OWN SOLUTIONS TO OUR OWN PROBLEMS." HE COMPLAINED THAT " POWERFUL INTERESTS CONTRARY TO OUR OWN" HAVE IMPEDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS.

4. CAMPORA ECHOED PUYO' S THEME OF PERVERSE FOREIGN INTERESTS

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ADDING, " IT IS NOT AT ALL CONVENIENT TO WORLD POWER CENTERS THAT LATIN AMERICA PRESENT UNITED FRONT AGAINST THE SNARES OF IMPERIALISM". HE URGED THAT OTHER GOVTS JOIN HIS IN WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE COMMON INTEREST OF ALL LATIN AMERICAN PEOPLES. HE MORE SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT ONLY THROUGH REGIONAL SOLIDARITY COULD INDIVIDUAL NATIONS " BREAK THE BONDS OF DEPENDENCE WHETHER IMPOSED BY MILITARY FORCE OR ECONOMIC PRESSURE". CAMPORA MADE CLEARER TO WHOM HE REFFERED BY APPEALING TO PERON' S POST- WORLD WAR

II " THIRD POSITION ", VIEWED AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO IDEOLOGICAL OR PRAGMATIC SUBMISSION TO EITHER OF THE TWO BLOCS WHICH EMERGED AFTER

1946. HE ALSO QUOTED PERON' S DICTUM, " IN THEY YEAR 2000 WE (LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS) WILL EITHER BE UNITED OR DOMINATED."

5. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THE US GOVT WAS NOT DRUBBED BY NAME (IN PRESS REPORTS AT LEAST) IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE US WAS OMITTED FROM THE GUEST LIST TO FACILITATE A MORE PRONOUNCED " ANTI- IMPERIALIST" TONE TO THE LUNCHEON REMARKS; THE USSR " POWER CENTER" WAS MORE OR LESS EQUALLY CRITICIZED; CONSISTENT WITH THE PERONIST' S " THIRD POSITION" WHICH DOES NOT SINGLE OUT THE US ALONE FOR PUBLIC DISPARAGEMENT.

6. FOR ONCE, OF LATE, BRAZIL, WHOSE AMBASSADOR ATTENDED, WAS EMBRACED BY ARGENTINA AND OTHERS AS A BROTHER LATIN NATION; ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ONLY THE AMBASSADOR FROM GUATEMALA, OF ALL THOSE FROM LATIN AMERICA ACCREDITED IN BUENOS AIRES DID NOT ATTEND. LODGE

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